

DECISION 20-2025

Intersessional Decision to Amend CMM 05-2023 Record of Vessels

The Members of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

Agree to modify footnotes 2 and 3 into CMM 05-2023 (Record of Vessels), Annex 1, as follows:

“Footnote 2: Effective 18 November 2025, Members and CNCPs shall ensure that all fishing vessels flying their flag that are authorised to fish in the Convention Area have IMO numbers issued to them. Artisanal fishing vessels from coastal developing States of no more than 15 metres in length fishing for jumbo flying squid will not be required to provide such information if not qualified to be issued one. Under that circumstance, these artisanal vessels must comply with international accepted identification and marking requirements, to identify the flag State, followed by the vessel’s national registration or authorisation number (separated by a hyphen) as it appears in its flag State national registration certificate, and provide the information as an alternative of this requirement. The flag State shall notify the Secretariat of the vessels to which this derogation applies at least 15 days before their first entering into the Convention Area. Unless otherwise decided by the Commission, this derogation will expire on 6 March 2026.

Footnote 3: Artisanal fishing vessels from coastal developing States of no more than 15 metres in length, if not capable of having an INMARSAT system on board, shall comply with the communications and safety of human life on board requirements established for the high seas by its flag State, and provide the information as an alternative of this requirement. Unless otherwise decided by the Commission, this derogation will expire on 6 March 2026.”